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The Sonnet.

NUNS fret not at their convent's narrow room;
And hermits are contented with their cells.
And students with their pensive citadels ;
Maids at the wheel, the weaver at his loom,
Sit blithe and happy ; bees that soar for bloom,
High as the highest peak of Furness fells,
Will murmur by the hour in foxglove bells :
In truth the prison unto which we doom
Ourselves no prison is : and hence for me,
In sundry moods, 'twas pastime to be bound
Within the Sonnet's scanty plot of ground ;
Pleased if some souls (for such there needs must be)
Who have felt the weight of too much liberty,
Should find brief solace there, as I have found.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH.